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BUILD THE PARTY, SAVE "DAILY" TO BE SLOGANS RAISED

Meetings Scheduled in New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston and Other Cities

Campaign for Workers Party Members, "Daily" Reads to be Intensified

Ruthenberg memorial meetings will be held during the next few weeks thruout the United States, Jack Stachel, national organizational secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party announced last night.

"Fight the War Danger" and "Build the Party Drive," will be the two slogans to be raised. The campaign to obtain 5,000 new members for the Party and 10,000 additional readers for The DAILY WORKER will also be intensified during this period, Stachel stated.

Arrange Meetings.

Plans for these meetings are now being made in New York, New Haven, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco and other large industrial centers. The New York meeting, which is to be held at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., March 11, will be addressed by Bertram D. Wolfe, William Z. Foster, Jack Stachel and William W. Weinstone.

Leaders To Speak.

The New Haven meeting is announced for March 2; meetings in Cleveland and Detroit will be held April 1, and will be addressed by Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party. Robert Minor, editor of The DAILY WORKER, and Max Bedacht will speak at the memorial meeting to be held in Chicago on March 4th.

The Philadelphia meeting on March 3 will be addressed by Lovestone, Herbert Benjamin and C. Miller. Dates and speakers for meetings in other cities will be announced later, Stachel stated.

CONFIRM DETAILS OF FARE STEAL

Hylan Booster Shows Tammany Game

On the surface "the great fare steal" and all the forces which are operating to put it across are quiet. But underneath the waters are flowing rapidly in their predetermined course.

Charges of this nature have been made on all sides without bringing any denial from the city officials who are behind the increased fare deal. The DAILY WORKER nearly two years ago revealed the details of the agreement by which the traction interests agreed to support both Al. Smith and Jimmie Walker in return for their consent to raise the fare.

Everything Fixed

These charges were yesterday confirmed by David Hershfield, former commissioner of accounts under Mayor John F. Hylan. In a news release to Hylan, Hershfield writes as follows:

"You want me to inform you of the transit situation in New York, particularly with respect to the fare proposition. There is no doubt but that the fare will be increased to seven cents, in accordance with the alleged agreement in 1925 between Walker, the Democratic city and state leaders and the traction interests.

"You will recall that in the summer of 1925 it was said that the Democratic leaders with Walker met the traction representatives and that it was agreed between them that if

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BRONX CO-OP WILL HOLD CELEBRATION

The United Workers Cooperative Association Will celebrate the opening of its second block of houses at 2800 Bronx Park, with a concert and pageant at the Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., on Sunday at 2 o'clock.

With the opening of the new apartments there will be a total of 720 workers families living in the cooperative colony. The third and fourth blocks are now being built while land has already been secured for a fifth and sixth.

These projects are being financied solely by the workers themselves thru their organization, the Consumers' Finance Corporation.

MELLON FORCES LABOR PEONAGE INQUIRY SHOWS

Non-Union Miners Live Amid Horrors

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23.—Non-union miners employed as strike-breakers by the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, told a sub-committee of the United States senate today that their wages after paying their bills at the company store averaged from $10 to $5 a week, that not infrequently they found themselves in debt to the company on pay day, and that they were quartered in filthy houses, swarming with vermin.

In spite of the fact that the primary purpose of the investigating committee is to secure political capital for itself, its members were forced to take account of these fearful conditions.

Evidence that the Pittsburgh Terminal permits speakeasies and houses of ill-fame to operate at its camps for the entertainment of the strike-breakers, was developed by the sub-committee in a tour of the mines.

Reveal Horrors.

The four senators of the sub-committee, Frank R. Gooding of Idaho; mittee visited numerous camps of the Fittsburgh Herminal Coal Corporation and the Pittsburgh Coal Co., the two largest operators. They entered the barracks of the strikers—crude makeshift shelters, where thousands of men, women and children are forced to live.

Soon after their arrival J. D. A. Morrow, president of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, called on the senators and served notice that they objected to their being accompanied by officials of the miners' union.

Bosses Interfere.

In questioning the strikebreakers concerning their wages and living conditions, the senators several times met with interference on the part of foremen and minor officials of the companies who sought to influence the answers.

The bunks, it was declared, were alive with vermin. Andrew Koska, another strikebreaker whom the senators interviewed, gave them the addresses of two bootlegging establishments, charged the company with cheating the miners in computing the amount of coal produced, and told of maltreatment which he said he had received at the hands of the bosses.

At the strikers' barracks the senators found numerous cases of families of eight or ten persons living in three or four small rooms. At one of the refugee camps they inquired concerning sanitary facilities and found them almost wholly lacking.

CHINA WORKERS, PEASANTS ADVANCE

Grant New Privileges to Red Fighters on Anniversary

DECORATE THOSE WHO SET EXAMPLE DEFENDING U.S.S.R.

Celebrate in Army Units and Shops

(By Cable)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 23.—The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union adopted a special resolution today on the tenth anniversary of the existence of the Red Army, providing a number of new facilities and privileges for former Red Army fighters and red Guardists.

In addition ten million roubles was assigned for cultural and educational needs of the Red Army by the commanding staff, including the further improvement of the everyday conditions of army life.

Masses Celebrate

The entire working population has entered into the jubillee celebration, which is being carried on in all Red Army units as well as thru official meetings in factories, mills and mines.

The press is publishing a series of articles dealing with the history of the development of the Red Army and its heroic struggles, including memoirs of some of the most active fighters.

Decorated For Defense.

The Presidium of the Central Executive Committee decorated the Baltic Fleet with the Red Banner order for outstanding services in the defense of the revolution, and also decorated with the same highest order merit those who directed the defense of the country, inspiring the Red Army, including: Rykov, Kalinin, Petrovsky. Also many of the most heroic participants in the civil war were decorated, including Mikoyan, Unschlicht and Vacetis.

The special privileges granted to former Red Army fighters and Red Guardists in addition to the funds for improvements included special facilities for the education of their children.

Booth for Benefit of Children at Bazaar

A booth for the benefit of the children of the striking miners will be conducted by the Workers International Relief. 1 Union S., at the annual International Labor Defense Bazaar, which will be held March 7 to 11 at New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave.

The booth will contain miscellaneous articles of every kind and all the proceeds will go to the children of the striking miners. Contributions for the booth are requested to be sent to the office of the Workers International Relief.

SEEK FLIGHT RECORD.

IMPERIAL, Cal., Feb. 23.—The monoplane "Albatross" took off today on its third attempt to break the world's endurance flight record of 52 hours, 22 minutes and 31 seconds.

Negligence Caused Death of Twelve Miners; Recover Bodies

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., Feb. 23.—The last of twelve victims of the Kinloch mine explosion were brought to the surface today. The blast took a toll of ten lives in the Kinloch mine, and two lives in the adjoining mine.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 22.—Twelve strikebreakers were trapped and killed in the Kinlock mine of the Valley Camp Coal Company when a tremendous gas explosion wrecked the pit on the night of February 21, burning and poisoning the doomed men and burying them in the womb of the devastated mine.

Can't Determine Number.

The company now states officially that twelve men were underground when the fatal blast shook the neighborhood. But the striking miners who gathered in groups at a safe distance from the small army of state troopers and coal and iron policemen that stand with arms prominently displayed at the gate, opening on the company property, shake their heads.

Who knows how many men were in the mine when the blast occurred? Who besides the company officials? And they don't want to tell the truth

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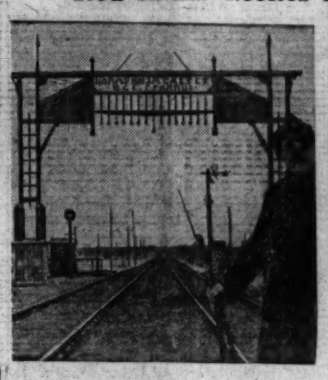
Red Army Scenes in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics



"Communism Sweeps Away Boundaries," are the words written on the arch erected at the Soviet frontiers—upper left. On right is a group listening to radio in Red Army club. At lower right is A. Tzyganov, a Red Soldier, who is a member of the Moscow Soviet and of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet government.

CALL CONFERENCE TO TAKE ACTION ON UNEMPLOYED

City-Wide Meeting Will Be Held March 17

A call for a city-wide conference to act on the unemployment crisis was issued last night to trade unions, fraternal organizations, committees of unemployed workers and other working class groups by the New York Council of the Unemployed, with temporary headquarters at 60 St. Marks Place.

The conference will be held Saturday, March 17, at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St. at 2 p. m. The call was signed by John Di Santo, secretary of the New York Council.

"According to authoritative governmental reports, there are approximately 4,000,000 workers unemployed in the United States at the present time," the conference call says.

Involves All Labor.

"In addition to the direct suffering which this situation has brought to the unemployed and their families, there is a definite danger involved to the labor movement as a whole. The employers are utilizing the fact that millions are jobless and suffering in order to make an attack upon the trade unions and the standards of the workers. Wage cuts, longer hours and more intensive speeding up of the workers is the order of the day. It therefore becomes essential for the labor movement as a whole to take up the question of relief for the un-

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LOVESTONE WILL DEBATE TONIGHT

"Revolution," Topic of Contest with Lawyer

The huge naval program, the oil swindles, and the widespread unemployment thruout the United States will come up for spirited discussion when Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, meeting George Hiram Mann in debate at the Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, tonight.

Mann, a lawyer, has been active in the National Security League. Lovestone will argue the affirmative on the topic, "Does America Need a Revolution," while Mann will assert the negative.

Bertram D. Wolfe, national agit-prop director of the Workers (Communist) Party and director of the Workers' School, which arranged the debate, will act as chairman.

44 HOURS THREAT TO CLOAKMAKERS

Boss Spokesman Hints at Injunction

The 44-hour week in the cloak industry will be installed after June if the threat of Samuel Klein, manager of the Industrial Council of Cloak Manufacturers, is carried out.

Never has the industry been in such a chaotic condition, the manufacturers' manager boasted at a membership meeting of their association recently.

This verification of the left wing charge that the Sigman machine has betrayed the 40-hour victory when taken with Klein's confirmation that the Sigman dual union has really no control of the industry, is considered of the greatest importance at this stage in the consolidation of the left wing forces in the needle trades.

Klein in referring to the unemployment insurance, and the 40-hour a week clause, both of which were to have become effective at the end of June stated as follows: "Your board is determined that unless these great burdens can be equally apportioned over the entire industry, your board will in an orderly and dignified way appeal to established authorities to save you from an unequal burden." This is interpreted as a threat that an injunction will be sought by the manufacturers.

Leaders of the Joint Board, when asked at their headquarters to make a statement on Klein's declaration, said that the statement contains nothing new.

"We always knew that the price for the bosses' aid in the campaign of the right wing to smash the workers' unions, has been paid for with the gains rung from the employers in the bitterly fought general strike," they said.

CANNON STARTS NATIONAL TOUR

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23.—The first meeting in the national tour of James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense, against the frame-up system, will be held here at the Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St., next Wednesday.

Special significance is attached to this meeting, opening in the most important industrial center of Pennsylvania, because of the numerous important cases that have been fought in this state by the International Labor Defense.

The I. L. D. also was the organization primarily occupied with the defense of the steel workers arrested in Farrell, who were charged with membership in the Workers (Communist) Party. It is now taking special interest in cases of the members of the United Mine Workers of America in the anthracite coal region.

From Pittsburgh, Cannon goes to Cleveland, where he will speak at a mass meeting March 1, and then to Flint, Mich., for a meeting the next day. The Flint meeting will be followed by a three-day program in Detroit. From the auto city Cannon will visit the main cities in the central west and west.

Brandle, Woll-Green Tool, Exposed as Bosses' Agent

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 23.—Theodore M. Brandle, for years the faithful servant of the employers while acting in the capacity of labor leader, has at last been revealed in his true role.

Brandle has been appointed the director-general of the Iron League of New Jersey, an organization composed of about 160 structural and ornamental iron firms. His duties are to be concerned largely with fighting the labor forces for these organizations. For this reason he is still maintaining his connections in the labor movement.

Corruptionist.

Brandle is one of the most reactionary job holders in the A. F. of L. He is a member of a clique in New Jersey which has ruled labor unions in this state with an iron hand. He has been a staunch advocate of "harmony between capital and labor," and is identified with the Green-Woll reactionary regime. Another member of the same clique in New Jersey labor is Henry Hilfers, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, who at the last conference of the state federation was shown to have received $100,000 in bribes from the

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MILITARISTS OF CANTON FAIL TO HALT BIG DRIVE

14,000 Communists Are Beseiging Kweilin

CANTON, Feb. 23.—The fall of Kweilin, old capital of Kwangsi Province, into the hands of Communist troops is expected daily, according to reports received here. Fourteen thousand well armed and well-drilled troops, under Communist leadership, are besieging the city after a victorious march from Hunan Province.

The worker-peasant armies pushed their way to Kweilin after taking a number of towns in southern Hunan and northern Kwangsi. Soviet governments have been set up in the captured towns.

The Cantonese authorities are rushing all available troops to Kweilin in an effort to stem the advance of the worker and peasant troops. Few troops are left in Kwangtung.

Canton Revolt Likely.

The reduction of Kuomintang forces in the vicinity of Canton, exposes the city and the surrounding territory to a new worker-peasant revolt,

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FURRIER TO BE FREED TUESDAY

Sam Gold Framed Up on Assault Charge

After having completed more than five months of a six months' sentence, Sam Gold, active member of the Joint Board Furriers Union, is to be released from the New York State Penitentiary on Harts Island next Tuesday afternoon.

Gold who was sentenced last September together with Sam Kurland, the latter serving a five-year prison term in Sing Sing, were sentenced after they were both found guilty on framed up charges of assault during the 1927 furriers strike.

The Joint Defense and Relief Committee of the Cloakmakers and Furriers, has been supporting the dependents of the two militant fur workers, both of whom are married men and fathers of small children. A vigorous campaign is being carried on for the release of Kurland.

The Joint Defense Committee, which is now in the midst of a campaign to sell 5,000 ten-dollar loan bonds for the purpose of raising enough money with which to fight further frame-up attempts of the right wing in the needle trades unions, stated that they have as yet made no definite plans for a reception to Gold.

the purchase of a bond also entitles one to membership in an organization called "The Workers Self-Defense." The bonds can be bought at the headquarters of the Cloakmakers Joint Board, 16 W. 21st St.; the Joint Board Furriers Union, 22 E. 22d St. or from the headquarters of the Defense Committee, 41 Union Square.

SHAM REDUCTION IN NAVY PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. — The immediate building of fifteen ships is the so-called compromise naval program authorized by the House Naval Affairs Committee today.

gram is the one which The DAILY WORKER predicted would be authorized in previous reports on the discussions in the committee.

Altho this program has won the support of the pacifists, it means no substantial reduction as claimed, since the entire fifteen ships and one aircraft carrier are ordered laid down in three years and completed in six, while there is every indication that they will actually be laid down in one year and completed in three, as proposed by Coolidge.

"WE MUST DECIDE!" SAYS STACHEL

Verdict on "Daily" Depends on Workers Support, He Declares

The latest attack on The DAILY WORKER is no surprise to us. The capitalists of this country are fully aware of the role of the Workers (Communist) Party in the struggle of the workers in the mines, mills, and factories. They are fully aware that it is our Party that is today mobilizing the masses to defeat the offensive against the organizations of labor. And they know that the paper is a powerful weapon of our party to rouse the masses to struggle. They know that it is thru it that we are gathering, mobilizing, and organizing our forces to defeat them. It is quite natural, therefore, to expect that in their efforts to destroy the organized labor movement, in their efforts to prevent the organization of the unorganized, they will make attacks upon our Party and its press.

They choose the DAILY WORKER first because if they succeeded in silencing our voice they will find it easier to deliver blows at our Party. If they succeed in their attacks, if they succeed in jailing the members of the editorial and business staff, ir they

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Colorado Fights for Place Near Top in Daily Worker Subscription Campaign

MAKE BIG EFFORT TO OVERTAKE LOS ANGELES' LEAD

Dietrich and Zooner Back Drive

Scores of subscriptions reaching the DAILY WORKER office are beginning to put the Colorado district on the map in the big national campaign to gain ten thousand new subscribers for the DAILY.

Under the direction of M. Zooner every effort is being made to win a prominent place for Colorado in the national drive, and William Dietrich, the District Organizer, is throwing the full weight of the mobilized party organization behind the offensive.

Denver, with the Colorado mines and coal-fields to the north and south, is a fertile territory for the subscription drive. There are thousands of Colorado workers to whom their class organ, the DAILY WORKER, should be brought by the new campaign. The comrades in the Colorado district have a splendid opportunity and are giving every promise of living up to it.

Besides, Los Angeles, which challenges any other section in the country to take first place from it in the drive, lies near enough to be a real rival and the Colorado workers are determined not to be outclassed by their far western neighbors.

BRANDLE EXPOSED AS BOSSES' TOOL

Accepts Job to Fight Workers

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huge open shop corporations in the state.

It is considered significant that the announcement which carries the news of Brandle's appointment and which eminates from the offices of the Iron League carries the further information that Brandle will remain as president of the Building Trades Council of New Jersey.

His other positions in the labor movement are fourth vice president of International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers Union, president of the Iron Workers District council, president of the Joint Arbitration Board of Building Trades Council and head of the Material Men's Association.

"Boss" Brandle.

Besides these offices in the labor movement Brandle is the head of a real estate and insurance and contract bond business in Jersey City. He is one of the chief controllers of the "Labor" National Bank of New Jersey. He is president of the Union Labor Investment Corporation and a member of the Journal Square Association consisting of bankers, open shoppers and business men of Jersey City.

Brandle's activities against the workers would fill several volumes. The last of these, an attempt to break up the housewreckers local of Jersey City and to prevent organization of the trade, was exposed in the DAILY WORKER as recently as Feb. 17.

Training School Students Aid Party as They Learn

Many students who are attending the full time national training course at the Workers' School, 108 E. 14th St., to better prepare themselves for active participation in the class struggle, are teaching classes in the outlying branches of the Workers' School in this city and New Jersey.

Classes in the "Principles of the Class Struggle," "American History" and the "Fundamentals of Communism" are being taught by six students. In addition, the director of the school is assigning students to certain of the evening classes to study the methods of teaching employed by some of the more successful instructors.

Will Apply Knowledge.

"One of the aims of the Workers' School is to equip these workers both in content of courses and ability to apply this knowledge to problems arising in the class struggle and in the technique of teaching, so that they can go back to their districts and teach classes there," D. Benjamin, assistant director of the Workers' School, said last night.

The 24 students of the national training school have been assigned to units of the Workers (Communist) Party and trade union fractions for active participation in the life of the Party here. After participating in the work of strong units the students are transferred to weaker groups to help them solve their problems, Benjamin pointed out.

Many meetings of the national political committee, district executive council and national and district organization and agitprop committee meetings are open to the students.

Visits to union meetings, workers' demonstrations, conferences and meetings of the Trade Union Educational League groups are being arranged by the directors of the school.

OIL CASE ARREST UPHELD IN COURT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The arrest of Col. Robert W. Stewart, Indiana Standard Oil Co. head, for contempt of the Senate in refusing to tell what he knows about the Teapot Dome oil case, has been upheld in court.

It has also been shown in another phase of the oil graft and slush fund investigation that Henry M. Blackmer, Denver oil man, who fled to Europe to escape the witness stand, got $750,000 of the Continental Trading Co. bonds. It was from these bonds that Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, gave $233,000 to former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall and $75,000 to the Republican National Committee to liquidate part of the huge cost of electing the Harding-Coolidge ticket.

Warehouse Blaze Endangers Workers' Lives

A three-story warehouse in Jamaica, L. I., was quickly consumed by a fire which spread to adjoining houses inhabited by workers' families. The warehouse is shown above in a photo taken while the blaze was at its height. Low pressure in the water supply aided the fire, and it was a half hour before firemen were able to ply water on the blaze above the second floor of the warehouse.

Michigan Workers Spied on For Helping the "Daily"

Mark K. Leskovitch arrived here yesterday from Battle Creek, Mich., on his way to the Soviet Union. He will sail Friday with 50 others who plan to join agricultural colonies in various parts of the USSR. Leskovitch is going to the Red Ray Commune in Zaporosia, Ekaterinoslav, near the Black Sea.

"When I left the old country in 1911, they told me America was a land of freedom," he said. "I don't like this kind of freedom. When I sent $10 to The DAILY WORKER to help defend the editors a detective in Detroit saw my name in the paper and came to Battle Creek to point me out as a red to make me lose my job.

P. O. Informs.

Leskovitch, who was employed by the Post Tavern hotel in that city, received his mail through a post office box. The detective learned where h ewas employed through the post office, according to Leskovitch, and immediately notified his employer.

"My boss, C. H. Montgomery, wanted to fire me immediately, but the housekeeper couldn't replace me on such short notice," he continued. The boss said: 'You'll be ditched if you don't stop!' And after that, whenever we complained about the food, which wasn't fit for a dog, they called us 'Bolsheviks'."

Soon afterward another detective went from Detroit to Battle Creek to ask whether he attended meetings in Chicago and Detroit, Leskovitch said.

"No, I don't like such freedom," he continued. "Many of my comrades have gone to the 'Red Ray Commune' already. We have sent them tractors, ploughs and reapers and I am taking carpenter's and shoemaker's tools with me. I am going to the land of real freedom for workers. I hope that some day I'll be able to visit the Soviet Union of America."

STRIKE LINDBERGH MEDAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—A bill has been introduced in the house calling for the issue of 10,000,000 gold medals of Lindbergh, and also the purchase by the government of the Lindbergh farm at Little Falls, Minn., "as a means of commemorating the air exploits of Lindbergh." The bill providing for the striking of Lindbergh medals has been approved by Secretary Mellon.

PASSAIC STRIKER ENDS LONG TERM

First of N. J. Prisoners Leaves Prison

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 23. — Paul Kovac, one of the active workers in the Passaic Textile strike of last year, who was sentenced April 8 to the State Prison at Trenton for from one to five years, was today released from prison. Among those who are still confined in the State Prison are Nicholas Schillaci, Adolph Wisnefski, Joseph Belene, Alex Kostamaha, Paul Ozanak, Tony Pochno and William Sikora. Their wives and children are partly supported from the fund of the International Labor Defense which sends $20 every month to the dependent families as well as $5 every month to the prisoners.

Pass More Baumes Bills

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Three more Baumes bills were passed by the assembly codes committee. A number of other measures proposed by the Baumes Crime Commission were defeated.

The first bill permits a thief to testify against the person who bought stolen goods from him, the second requires the buyer to ascertain whether the goods he purchased were stolen and the third allows district attorneys to comment upon the defendant's failure to testify in his own behalf.

Long Ways From Jail

William J. Burns (above), notorious owner of a labor spying agency, was sentenced by district supreme court Justice Siddons in Washington to serve 15 days, and Harry F. Sinclair (below), oil magnate involved in the Teapot Dome oil steal was sentenced to 6 months for shadowing the jury in the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy case. It is not expected that either of the malefactors will be made to serve sentences.

NEGLIGENCE BY COAL BOSSES WAS CAUSE OF DEATHS

Experienced Miners Would Have Escaped

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because the truth about this death trap at Kinlock might seap thru the ranks of the unemployed all over the country and to the southern corn and cotton fields from which colored men are seduced with specious promises of good pay and light labor in the black caves under the hills of Western Pennsylvania.

Dead Were Strikebreakers.

The dead men were strikebreakers and those they left behind them are sheltered from public attention by wire netting and the guns of deputy sheriffs, inside a compound—a company preserve called "The Patch." This open-air prison is closed to newspapermen. The wives and children of the dead men may grieve in solitude. After all, the dead men were only scabs. They were taking the bread out of the mouths of thousands of union children and getting little for the mouths of their own broods. The striking miners shed no tears of sympathy for their widowed and orphaned dependents.

The people of the three neighboring towns, Arnold, Parnassus and New Kensington, say: "It serves them right," or "Twelve more will never scab again." A sentimentalist might slobber over such hardness, but not this writer. This is a war and belligerents don't wail over the enemy's misfortunes.

Hauled By Union Men.

Yet they were workers,—members of the earth's robbed and downtrodden and under different circumstances they might be standing side by side with their fellow workers in the never-ending struggle against the exploiters—never ending until the rotten system goes down under the marching feet of the enslaved millions. They came from the South—most of them—and never heard of a union.

They were hauled to Kinlock by union trainmen. This is something to ponder over. It appears that there are two kinds of scabbery; one sanctioned by the officialdom of the American Federation of Labor and both sanctioned by the employing classes.

Cost Company Nothing.

The Valley Camp Coal Company will not have to pay a nickel for the dead men. On the morning of the disaster, 13 scabs were hauled into "the patch" in automobiles, by deputy sheriffs, guarded by state troopers. There is plenty of human fodder available. And the wives and children of the dead men will be thrown out of the company houses to make room for more scabs and the families of scabs. They can go to the devil for all the officials and owners of the Valley Camp Coal Company care.

The miners were two miles back in the Kinlock mine when the deadly gas exploded. It might be rock dust. It is not yet definitely known. There will be an investigation and then the truth may come out, or it may not. A former mine fire boss told me that the mine was never safe, just a regular death trap.

Experienced Would Escape.

Experienced union men know how to take proper precautionary steps when the fatal vapor cuts loose. They turn off the motor and pull of the trolley poles before making for the steep incline that leads to the open air. And don't forget that there are 280 steps to be taken before one reaches the top.

The union miners would walk out and refuse to jeopardise their lives when the mine became unusually unsafe. But the strikebreakers had to choose between unemployment and a long chance of escaping death. If workers who do not believe in the value of unionism worked for a while in a coal mine and escaped with their lives, their conversion would be quick and lasting—unless they are congenital serfs.

Officials Guilty.

"Every official of the Valley Camp Coal Company should be indicted for murder" said a former fire boss to me. "They knew that the mine was dangerous. They could have helped to make the mine reasonably safe by reversing the fan, which now drives the air into the mine and out thru the entrance. If the fan were turned the other way, it would suck the gas out thru the shaft. As it is, when the gas breaks loose, . . ." He threw up his hands in a despairing gesture. Gas, gas everywhere.

Perhaps reversing the fan would cost money! No. The officials of the coal company simply don't give a damn like that Texas mule whose bonehead antics a friend of mine likes to describe on appropriate occasions. The mule however was only playing with his own head; the coal operators were playing with human lives.

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Another article by T. J. O'Flaherty dealing with the Kinlock mine disaster, will appear tomorrow.

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PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23.—At the special senate coal committee's request the coal operators have agreed to rescind temporarily a general order which had barred United Mine Workers' officials from the properties and camps of the largest non-union properties. Union officials will thus be able to accompany the committee on its visits to these properties.

Where 6 Died in Scab Mine Explosion

An explosion in the Kinlock mine of the Valley Camp Coal Co. at Arnold, Pa., killed 6 strikebreakers who were at work in the mine while under guard of deputy sheriffs. All the strikebreakers working in the mine are surrounded by a stockade and kept under guard. The above photo shows rescue workers who attempted to save the remaining scabs. These are now thought to be dead.

Miners Launch Labor Party Campaign in Bentleyville

BENTLEYVILLE, Pa., Feb. 23.—Over 40 delegates, representing 20 local unions and ladies' auxiliaries of the United Mine Workers of America attended a recent conference called by the Washington County Labor Party at Bentleyville, Pa., to initiate the Labor Party campaign in that county and nominate candidates for congress and the state legislature. Four delegates were elected to the State Labor Party Conference which will be held in Pittsburgh on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Great enthusiasm and a determination to carry the fight for a labor party into every miners' local in the county, marked the proceedings. Miners came from Avella, Racoon, Daisytown, Fredericktown, Washington, Van Voorhis and other camps, eager to organize their political forces for a battle against the capitalist parties in the coming elections. A heavy snowfall, making the highways impassable, prevented many more miners from attending.

Grecht Speaks.

"The fight for a labor party in western Pennsylvania," declared Rebecca Grecht, representative from the Allegheny County Labor Party before the conference, "is part of the fight now being waged by the progressives in the miners' union against the misleadership of Lewis and his labor buresucrats. In their support of the capitalist parties, they are betraying the striking miners into the hands of their enemies. Class political action by the miners, through a labor party, must be their answer to injunctions, evictions, assaults and arrests, in the struggle to win the strike."

Nominate Candidates.

The conference nominated one candidate for congress and four as representatives to the state legislature. Among those nominated are Adam Getto, striking miner from Bentleyville and secretary of the Washington County Labor Party; L. E. Daudet, miner from McDonald, and Fred Siders, or Avella, who ran for district president on the progressive ticket in the last union election, against Pat Fagan, of the Lewis machine.

Must Expose Lewis.

Miners told about the brutality of the coal and iron police, injunctions and evictions, and stressed the rapidly developing sentiment for a Labor Party. Despite the efforts of the Lewis machine to prevent the miners from participating in the campaign, the number of local unions joining the movement steadily increases, they declared.

"We must go to the rank and file of every local union," declared the delegate from Van Voorhis. "We must expose the policy of Lewis and win the membership for the Labor Party."

State Program.

The conference passed resolutions instructing the executive committee of the Labor Party to campaign in every local union for the endorsement of the labor ticket nominated, to arrange mass meetings and organize Labor Party Booster Clubs, to issue leaflets acquainting the miners with the Labor Party program, and call another conference in a month for further mobilizing the miners.

Organize Women.

Another resolution urged that the ladies' auxiliaries organized by many miners' locals be drawn into the labor party movement.

The Washington County Labor Party was formed in 1927 and received a large vote though little campaigning was done. This year, with an active campaign, the Labor Party vote in this country is expected to be greatly increased.

ACCUSED FORGER IS GOOD AS RABBI

When Jewish passengers on the liner Paris, which has just arrived here, found themselves without a rabbi on board, Isador Knauer, alias Abraham Berger, volunteered to lead the prayers.

So well versed was Knauer in the prayers, that the passengers were under the impression that he was a rabbi. They were shocked when they saw Knauer being led away in the custory of two detectives. Knauer has been extradited from Vienna where he had fled following charges of forging a note for $10,000.

Mother Gives Starving Children to Police

Mrs. Alice Gisbourne brought her two children Jack, aged 5, and Muriel, 4, to the Bergen St. Police Court in Brooklyn yesterday, and said that they had nothing to eat in the past few days but a few pieces of crackers and a small piece of bread, and that their food had completely given out. Bystanders contributed some money to the starving woman and promised to try to get work for her.

17 FIREMEN ESCAPE DEATH.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Twelve firemen narrowly escaped death today while fighting a spectacular fire in a vacant skyscraper on Wacker Drive. A cornice of the building fell among the fire fighters.

SHOW HUGE GAINS OF MORGAN FIRMS

By LELAND OLDS.

Profits of some coroporations may go up while others go down but the owners of America's largest enterprises continue to live without work. This conclusion is prompted by a series of Wall Street Journal articles on the profits of 20 industrial corporations used in the Dow Jones average of market quotations. The 20 corporations turned over profits in 1927 to their shareholders totaling $676,315,000 against $647,929,000 in 1926.

General Motors, with earnings for all securities in excess of $230,000,000 and a profit of more than $220,000,000 for common stockholders, leads the list. In fact the big gain in General Motors profits brings the total for the group above that of 1926. American Telephone & Telegraph comes second with $151,366,000 in profits for all securities and $129,366,000 for common stockholders. U. S. Steel follows with $113,920,000 for all securities and $62,626,000 for the common stock.

The 4 corporations which head the list are all parts of the huge industrial domain ruled by the House of Morgan. These 4 companies alone show 1927 profits for all securities totalling $547,754,000 and about $460,000,000 for their common stockholders.

KILL NIGHT SCHOOL BILL.

ALBANY, Feb. 23.—Now that the number of children who are forced to leave school to help support their families is increasing with unprecedented rapidity, six bills to permit them to attend night school instead of day part-time continuation school were defeated in the assembly education committee.

A bill to change the age limit at which boys and girls are required to attend continuation school from 18 to 16 is still being considered by the committee.

REPULSE ATTACK ON DAILY WORKER, STACHEL URGES

'Daily' Must Get Prompt Support, He Says

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succeed in crushing the paper, they will weaken the resistance of the masses against their offensive.

If they succeed against The DAILY WORKER, they will be encouraged to make more open attacks against our Party and against every labor organization. They will then throw into jail any one who dares expose the preparation for war, anyone who speaks in the interests of the masses.

The enemy relies upon our financial weakness. But in this they do not take into account the members of our Party, the readers and sympathizers of The DAILY WORKER. We will answer them. We must mobilize the maximum of support, and show our enemy with what readiness and devotion we will defend our press. Only the immediate and broad support for The DAILY WORKER can defeat the present attack.

The decision will not be made in the capitalist court. The decision will not be made by our enemy. We will make the decision by our response and the swiftness with which it is made.

Let us rush to the defense of our DAILY WORKER.

We must rise to the seriousness of the situation.

We must answer the attack in such a decisive manner that the enemy will know our decision.

—JACK STACHEL.

CAPONE BACK IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23. — Ccincident with the reign of terror which has recently been inaugurated here by gangsters, who have bombed the homes of politicians and intimidated witnesses in criminal trials with death threats, the return of "Scarface Al" Capone, gang leader, to Chicago has been reported. Police Commissioner Hughes has admitted that he is "unable" to cope with gangsters.

HUNGRY MAN GRABS PURSE.

Clarence Hicks, a 17 year old homeless and unemployed worker, was driven by hunger to snatch a purse containing $3.40 from Mrs. Jessie Garlock, of 400 West 128th St. The weakened worker was easily caught by a policeman a half block away. Magistrate Simpson in Washington Heights Court held him for grand jury action, after indulging his "sense of humor" at the starving boy's expense by asking $10,000 bail.

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Chinese Worker-Peasant Troops Take Towns in Victorious March South

MILITARISTS OF CANTON FAIL TO CURB BIG DRIVE

War Lords Fear Revolt of Canton Workers

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it is generally believed here. The authorities in the city, who fear a new uprising, are executing thousands of workers and conducting wholesale raids. Almost two thousand workers and peasants were executed without the formality of a trial by the Kuomintang troops several days ago.

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Imperialist Ally

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23.—The Nanking Government made a new bid for the support of the powers yesterday when General Huang Fu, new Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued a statement offering to "remove all sources" of difficulties with the powers and indirectly attacking the Soviet Union.

"Pending the conclusion of new treaties, the Nationalist Government is prepared to maintain and develop friendly relations with the powers in such a manner as to be able to meet the altered circumstances of the present time and to remove all sources of difficulties and misunderstanding." An indirect reference to the Soviet Union is believed to have been made in the following statement:

"With regard to the powers seeking to impair China's social institutions, the Nationalist Government will be constrained to adopt and enforce the most suitable measures to deal with the situation."

PRAVDA OUTLINES COMINTERN TASKS

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—In a leading article devoted to the tasks of the coming session of the plenary meeting of the executive committee of the Communist International, the "Pravda" points out that the plenary session of the ECCI will examine a number of questions of great fundamental importance for the international working class movement.

"Having regard to the steadily widening breach between the working class and the bourgeoisie and to the sharp right-wing swing of the leaders of the international social democracy who are steering for a coalition with the bourgeoisie, the Communist International must increase the struggle against the international social-democracy to the utmost in order to win the broad masses of the workers for Communism. The French and British questions were therefore down for discussion upon the agenda of the plenary session.

"The plenary session will also deal with the activity of the Communist Party of China and determine its future policy. It will also deal with the question of the international activity of the Trotskyist opposition which has now turned its chief attention to the work abroad. The plenary session must cause the Communist Parties to strengthen their work for the exposure of Trotskyism, one of the chief sources of the campaign of lies and slanders directed against the Communist International."

Hughes Goes Home

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—Charles Evans Hughes, Chairman of the United States Delegation to the Pan American conference, and Mrs. Hughes were among the passengers upon the liner Ulua which sailed for New York early today.

Pioneers Help Fight for China's Freedom

Young Chinese Communists demonstrate against the wholesale murder of worker and peasant leaders by the Kuomintang war-lords.

SOCIALISTS LIE ABOUT CHICHERIN

"Imprecorr" Nails False Reports in Press

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—A number of social democratic papers have reported that at the reception which was held in honor of the departing former Austrian ambassador Pohl, a speech was made by Tchitcherin referring in appreciatory terms to the services of Victor Adler as leader of the Second International.

A correspondent of the "Inprecorr" has made enquiries concerning the correctness or otherwise of this report and discovered that comrade Tchitcherin simply mentioned that shortly before his death Victor Adler recognized the Soviet Government in the name of the republican government of Austria. Tchitcherin made no other reference to Victor Adler. If the social democratic press wish to regard this act of Victor Adler as one of his services, then one can say nothing against it.

Nevertheless, it must be said that the social democratic press has obviously got its information from white guardist journals and has once again printed a lying report, by crediting comrade Tchitcherin with praise of the Second International and its leaders which he never uttered.

WAGES IN USSR SHOW BIG GAIN

Wages in Capitalist Countries Drop

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—Before the revolution the wages of Russian workers were far behind the wages of workers of western Europe. Now, wages in the U. S. S. R. are rapidly catching up with the wages of western workers and in some cases even exceed them. Thus, the real wages of the Moscow workers are already higher than those of workers of Vienna and Paris.

Wages in the U. S. S. R. grow constantly and rapidly. In capitalist countries they diminish or remain on the same level. Wages in the U. S. S. R. during the first half of 1921-22 were 46 per cent of the pre-war level and in 1926-27, during the last quarter, they have reached a level of 110 per cent of pre-war.

In January 1927 skilled workers in Germany received 90 per cent of the pre-war level and unskilled 99 per cent.

In Great Britain the miners received in 1927 only 80 per cent of their pre-war wages, joiners 89 per cent and smelterers 88 per cent.

According to the contemplated wage rise in the five-year plan of economic development the wages of Soviet workers will soon exceed those of all capitalist countries of Europe.

POLISH FASCISTS TRY 56 PEASANTS

VILNA, Poland, Feb. 23. — Fifty-six members of the "Hromada," an organization of White Russian workers and peasants who are fighting for their own Soviet republic against the Polish reaction under which they are suffering, have been brought to trial in Vilna, for "espionage in behalf of a foreign power" and the "organization of rebellious uprising," according to a special cable received by the national office of International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th Street, from the Berlin office of International Red Aid. I naddition, there are still 434 members of the organization who are still to come to trial.

The Pilsudski government is doing all in its power to annihilate the "Hromada" which has the sympathies of the overwhelming majority of the White-Russian population of Poland and which has, up to the arrests, propagated its program and ideas widely and legally.

DELAY FLOGGERS' TRIAL.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 23.—Trial of 18 alleged floggers today threatened to be delayed when a special venire of 100 men brought here from Chatham county was challenged soon after court convened.

LINDBERGH LINKED IN NEW AIR LINE

DETROIT, Feb. 23. — Rumors linking Lindbergh with a Chicago-N. Y. air-line deal were current here today following a secret conference between the transatlantic flyer, Mayor Thomas G. Lanphier of Selfridge Field and business men, and understood to have included a meeting with Edsel Ford today. Those best informed suggest that in case Lindbergh enters into any such undertaking, it will be of a semi-official character, as indicated by the presence of Major Lanphier who is still in the U. S. army.

The government, it is stated, is hesitant to release Col. Lindbergh completely for a purely commercial enterprise, after the good use they have been able to make of him officially in strengthening their imperialist ventures.

USSR POPULATION INCREASES FAST

MOSCOW, Feb. 23. — The population of the Soviet Union is increasing at an extremely rapid pace.

According to statistics revealed today the natural growth of the population las. year was 500,000 persons greater than the growth of all the rest of Europe combined. These figures were contained in the annual report of the Soviet Union Health Department.

Waukegan Women's Day Celebration Mar. 4

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Feb. 23. — International Women's Day will be celebrated here on Sunday, March 4, with a long, gala concert and entertainment at the Worker's Hall. The program, which starts at 2 p. m., will include musical solos, dramatic recitations, and talks by well-known speakers. In the evening the program will be followed by a 3-act play, "The Woman Slave" presented by the Dramatic Club of the Finnish Workers' Educational Society.

All workingclass women are urged to recognize the sigaificance of this day and give their whole-hearted support to the demonstration.

JOBLESS CHEF TAKES LIFE.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Feb. 23.—Charles Nicolino, a chef of this city who had been unemployed for several months, was found dead in his room. He had turned on the gas and gone to bed.

INDIAN BOYCOTT SHOWS DECAY OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Slash Wages as English Cotton Trade Declines

By LELAND OLDS,
(Federated Press).

The boycott on British goods, threatened by Indian nationalists against the latest coercive measure of the imperial government, shows once again that the cornerstone of the British economic empire is getting loose. As the provinces undermine the economic bonds of the empire the vigor of English capitalism will be slowly sapped. Unemployment, wage reductions, more unemployment, a population increasingly supported on unearned income distributed in dividends or doles—so the story of decaying empire will repeat itself.

Trade Declines.

The slow decay which the boycott by the Indian nationalists will hasten is reflected in two articles in the weekly commerce reports of the U. S. department of commerce. One deals with the decline in British trade with India, the other with the cotton industry's dificulties in England.

The report on British trade with India shows that the English share in total imports into India fell from an average of 63% in the last 5 prewar years to 48% in the fiscal year 1926-27. In recent years the British decline has been steady, the English share being 58% in 1923-24, 54% in 1924-25 and 51% in 1925-26. India buys less of the products which once made England the industrial center of the world—cotton goods, textile machinery, railroad plant, etc.

In the Indian market England is faced not only with the growing competition of other capitalist nations, particularly the United States and Japan, but also with Indian production. The nationalist movement in India as well as in China realizes that it can strike at British power with the economic weapon. England is becoming increasingly vulnerable economically.

The report on the British cotton industry, the original foundation of British capitalism, shows it almost mortally hurt. The mill owners' frantic demand for wage cuts and longer hours in a last effort to hold foreign markets is significant. But more significant is the cotton industry's necessity of writing down its capitalization. Where capitalism is healthy it is constantly writing up capitalization in anticipation of larger profits.

Indian purchases of English-made cotton goods increased slightly from 1926 to 1927 but the value fell off sharply. The shipments to India in 1927 totaled 1,652,514,600 square yards but this compares with 3,057,351,000 yards in the last prewar year.

The demand for English cotton goods in other provinces of the empire shows a similar decline from prewar. In 1927 China took only 103,195,000 square yards compared with 716,533,000 yards in 1923, Egypt 159,884,000 compared with 266,623,000 and Turkey and Syria 91,966,000 yards compared with 360,742,000 yards in 1913. English exports of cotton goods in 1927 totaled 4,117,683,000 square yards compared with 7,075,252,000 yards in 1913.

Strip Workers as Markets Fail.

In the last 9 months of 1927 the English cotton spinning industry averaged about 65% of capacity operation. In 1924, the last year for which census figures are available, the English cotton industry showed 10% fewer workers than in 1907 and production down 23%. The cotton spinning companies have reduced their outstanding capital by about a third since 1920.

"The latest move to restore trade," says commerce reports, "is a proposal for a reduction in wages and an increase in working hours, sponsored chiefly by the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations and the Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations. Both recommend a 25% all round reduction in the standard piece price lists of wages, equivalent to about 12½% on current earnings, as well as an increase of working hours from a nominal week of 48 hours to 52½. Other suggestions call for a readjustment of the finances of many mills, a decrease in expenditures for social service and welfare work, and a closer cooperation between the various sections of the industry."

N.J. Passes Baumes Law

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 23.—Two more additions to the crime laws of this state, which now resemble the Baumes Laws in New York, were yesterday passed in the assembly. One would make persons convicted three times of crime in other states liable to life imprisonment if convicted of crime in New Jersey, and the other would make the possession of stolen goods sufficient to convict the holder as a "fence." Both bills were introduced by a woman, Agnes Jones.

LATINS SCORE HAVANA

See Confab as Gain for Wall St. Only

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 23.—The United States is the only nation which benefited from the Pan American conference, an editorial in "Excelsior" declares.

"In spite of the refusal of Senor Pueyrredon to sign the convention," the editorial says, "which was deemed contrary to the wishes of the government and of the triumphs of Dr. Guerrero. . .Mr. Hughes and his companions returned to this country without having conceded anything.

"All Latin-America went out with empty hands, while the United States returned with all its baggage of privileges. So disastrous have been the effects of this conference that Cuba should have been ashamed of having furnished its meeting place."

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BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 23.—"Perhaps it would have been better, if Argentina, and many others, had not attend the conference," says La Prensa, in an editorial headed "Teachings of the Sixth Pan-American Conference."

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BOGOTA, Colombia, Feb. 23.—Real Colombian public opinion was not represented at the Pan-American Congress, "Il Tiempo" says in an editorial today.

CHARGE U. S. WILL REWARD MONCADA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Altho Secretary of State Kellogg has issued a statement declaring that the United States "will maintain an attitude of absolute impartiality" in the coming Nicaraguan elections, it is generally believed here that United States officials will favor General Moncada, the "Liberal" candidate. Moncada, it is stated here, was tacitly promised the presidency when he laid down his arms at the signing of the Stimson agreement.

In an attempt to answer the charges that the state department will support Moncada, Kellogg issued a signed statement today, which declares: "I desire once more to state with the utmost emphasis that the United States is maintaining and will continue to maintain an attitude of absolute impartiality in all matters regarding the Nicaraguan elections."

Seek to Deport Son Of Feodor Chaliapin

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 23.—Deportation proceedings have been started against Feodor Chaliapin, Jr., son of the Russian singer, who has been working here as an extra in the movies. The local immigration office charges that he was allowed to enter the country on a five months' visitor's permit, and that this period has now expired.

ENGLAND-AUSTRALIA FLIGHT

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Bert Hinkler, Australian aviator, hopes to attempt a return flight to England soon and England in sixteen days, a record for the return trip, an exchange telegraph dispatch from Melbourne said today.

Hinkler arrived in Australia yesterday after making the flight from England in sixteen days, a record for the distance.

Rewarded for Sell-out

General Jose Moncada, Chiang Kai-shek of Nicaragua, who is being backed for the presidency by Wall Street. Moncada sold out the liberal troops last year when he signed the Stimson agreement.

MEXICANS PLAN AID TO SANDINO

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Feb. 23. —A committee has been organized by the Anti-Imperialist League for the purpose of furnishing all "possible aid to General Sandino to continue the fight against the United States forces which are invading his country." The motto of the organization will be "hands off Nicaragua."

The resolution calling for the formation of the committee denounces United States policy in Latin-America and calls upon all Latin-Americans to fight the "menace of Yankee imperialism."

POWERS REFUSE TO DISARM; RAP USSR PROPOSAL

Capitalists Arming for War, Pravda Says

BULLETIN

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.—"The Government is conducting an obstinate fight for peace, but so long as we are surrounded by capitalist nations the danger of war will hang above us," declared War Commissar Voroshilov in a statement today.

Voroshilov declared that the Red Army was prepared to ward off any imperialist attack.

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GENEVA, Feb. 23.—The Soviet Union's proposal for complete and immediate disarmament met with a cold reception at yesterday's session of the League of Nations Security and Arbitration Commission. British and French delegates led the attack on the disarmament proposal.

Altho the powers are attempting to sidetrack the Soviet Union's proposal, the USSR delegates are certain to introduce it at the Preparatory Disarmament Commission meeting on March 20.

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MOSCOW, Feb. 23.—The capitalist powers are certain to reject the Soviet Union's proposals for disarmament, an editorial in Pravda says. Anticipating as they do the next imperialist wars, the capitalist powers will not disarm, the Pravda says.

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GENEVA, Feb. 23.—The president of the League of Nations Council this afternoon telegraphed an urgent demand to Budapest that the destruction of the contraband Italian machine guns shipped to that country cease immediately. The machine guns are wanted as "evidence" when the league council begins investigating the incident next month.

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FEATURE!—

Unfurling of the New York Italian District Flag.

Chinese Revolution Gains Strength, Says Anna Strong

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (FP). — The revolutionary peasantry goes marching on in China even though the revolutionary intellectuals, merchants, etc., have become temporarily disillusioned, says Anna Louise Strong, now lecturing in Chicago and other cities. Under the pen name of Anise, she reported the Chinese revolution last spring and summer.

"There is no good reason to despair," Anise declares. "As a result of last year's developments three politically conscious revolutionary groups have emerged in China that were never influential before. First of all the peasants, who constitute half the population. Their immediate demands are for rice control, as against the speculators, and for peasant schools. Their fundamental feeling is against all forms of exploitation and oppression, domestic as well as foreign.

"The second group are the 3,000,000 workers in the cities who have become articulate and conscious not only of the issues of economic and political freedom but of the fact that the way to acheive them is through organization.

"The third group is at present less influential and consists of the awakening women both in city and country, becoming ever more radical as they push their demands for equality with men.

"No matter what form the revolution will take in the future it will be fundamentally influenced by these three groups. Until this last year a nationalist government might perhaps, with some foreign support, have gone on exploiting the peasants and workers. That is much harder now. China will get its house in order, settling accounts with the militarists and then with the foreign exploiters. It may take some time but the past year has revealed how it is going to be done."

Anise is about to publish a book on her experiences on the inside of the Chinese revolution. She traveled with Mrs. Sun Yat-sen from Hankow through Mongolia and Siberia to Moscow last autumn.

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MINERS', FISHERS', SEAMEN'S CONDITIONS TOLD BY WORKER CORRESPONDENTS

CHARITY MONGERS PREY ON SAILORS ON WATERFRONT

Seamen's Institute Is Cop Hangout

(By a Worker Correspondent)

On the corner of South St. and Coenties Slip there is a fourteen-story building known as the Seamen's Church Institute of New York. On the top of this building is a lighted cross for the guidance of the slaves into the arms of their masters. It is needless to say that this Institute is supported by such bloodsucking philanthropists as John D. Rockefeller, the ship-owners and others, who are well known for their animosity towards workers' organizations. The skypilots in this institute panhandle the master class in the name of Jesus and Charity for the good work that they claim to do for the seamen.

In reality a seaman has to pay for everything he receives there. When a seaman asks for shelter he is sent to the Municipal lodging house and other degenerated charitable institutions of the capitalistic system. Entering this building you can behold six uniformed special policemen (ex-Scotland Yard stool pigeons) who are there to beat up any worker that may be inclined to show signs of militancy. On some evenings they have an "intellectual prostitute" in the guise of a professor of economics telling the poor and hungry slaves about "Coolidge's Prosperity." But when any seaman gets up and talks about the home of the slaves and the class struggle he is advised and told to stay out or shut up.

On other evenings they have the daughters of the parasites sing to the seamen when they are hungry and faced with the necessities of life.

You are bound to find very few seamen who have a good word to say about the Seamen's Institute, and the only reason they patronize it is that there is no other lodging house on the waterfront. and nearer to shipping office. A seaman's wages do not permit him to live in the residential sections of the city.

"BLACKIE," A SEAMAN.

A CORRECTION

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hendersonville, Pa., is not in the anthracite as stated in the head on the letter signed "A Truthful Old Miner" in yesterday's DAILY WORKER. Hendersonville is a small mining village in the bituminous district.

PHILA. TO HOLD MEMORIAL MEET

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 23.—A Ruthenberg Memorial meeting will be held here at the Labor Institute, 810 Locust St., Saturday, March 3. Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, Herbert Benjamin, district organizer of the Philadelphia district, and Clarence Miller, industrial organizer of the Young Workers League, of New York, will be the speakers.

Several tableaux depicting memorable episodes in the class struggle in America, and a musical program by the Freiheit Chorus and the Young Workers Mandolin Orchestra will be the principle features of the entertainment.

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Error in Estimate to Cost $1,100,000 More

ALBANY, Feb. 23.—Due to an alleged "error" in the original estimations, Governor Smith has just learned that at least $1,100,000 more will be required in the construction of the new 32 story state office building here, the cornerstone of which will be laid next Tuesday. An allocation of $2,500,000 had been made by the legislature for the building, but Col. Frederick S. Greene, State Superintendent of Public Works has now informed the governor that it will not suffice. The handling of the construction of the state building in question was recently attacked by former State Architecht Jones, who resigned his post, charging unwarranted interference in his department by Greene. Waste and inefficiency in the Public Works were also hinted by Jones.

HOLD ATHLETE ASSAULTER.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 23.—Irving E. Frey charged that Prof. E. U. Balsbaugh, head the science department and athletic coach of the Elizabethtown High School, attacked his son Earl M. Frey because he did not approve of his behavior during the singing of a patriotic song. Balsbaugh was arrested on a charge of assault and battery yesterday, and was held on $300 bail. He will be tried today by Squire Grimm.

Miners Ask Aid Against Coal Bosses

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DENVER, (By Mail).—The City councilmen of Denver are very much interested in passing some kind of an ordinance to prevent workers to organize. They want something similar to the Criminal Syndicalism act of California. We are told by the blabbering mouthpieces of Big Business, that all the patriotic societies are expected to back up this new move. It has been said by Dr. Johnson that "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." This never was more true than it is today. The "Vested Interests" of this country are interested only in one thing, which is the only kind of patriotism they care anything about, namely profit. They have always hidden their real baseless motives under the cloak of patriotism and sometime, blasphemously, religion. It was a patriotic thing to do, in their way of thinking, to shoot down miners at the Columbine mine, or these defenseless men and boys at Walsenburg. Also the beating of men and their subsequent deportation outside of the state line was another act of business patriotism. The wrecking of the hall at Walsenburg at the outset of the strike with the other wanton destruction of properties and the robberies at the Trinidad hall a few days ago is considered by the moneyed interests a necessary expression of patriotism. O Patriotism how many crimes they commit in thy name!!

It is to be hoped that all liberty loving peoples, who have a real sense of proportion, will oppose such a flagrant expression of boss class legislation. Newspapers that have to print something besides devoting full pages to crimes, divorces or the latest scandal that will appeal to the neurotism of morons, are filling their slanderous sheets with the latest requests of their masters to frighten the workers. It seems that the industrial magnates have not learned yet that the workers in Colorado have refused to let themselves be browbeaten by these plunderers and when men and women have gone through the acid test imposed upon them in this bloody state, it is self evident that any other attempt will be treated with the proper action it deserves. The time has come when the workers are ready to use their economic power to fight any further encroachment.

Situation in the Strike Area.

A careful survey of the present strike situation shows that as a whole the striking coal miners have a greater chance for a victorious settlement than ever before. With a few exceptions the majority of the men are solidly out, and the coal operators are puzzled and worried as to the next move to try to break the solidarity of the strikers.

In a few days a convention representing the miners of all the various sections of the state will be called by the state executive committee, the entire situation will be discussed in its most minutinous details by the Executive committee members and the delegates of the rank and files represented at this convention.

An Appeal to Workers.

Again we are appealing to all class conscious workers and organizations to support this strike to the utmost. A victory in Rockefeller's stronghold means a victory for organized labor as a whole. These fighting men and women and children must not be allowed to suffer untold privations. Money will win this strike. These brave fighters undaunted and fearless refuse to be frightened by the terroristic methods of their vile enemies. It is up to you to see that solidarity among men of the same class is something more than a slogan. **Send all funds to the Colo. Miners' Relief and Defense Committee, Box 93, Lafayette, Colo.**

—COLORADO MINERS

MICHIGAN WOMEN SPEED UP WORK; NUCLEI ASSIST

To Hold Bazaar Early In March

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DETROIT, (By Mail).—The Women's Work Conference for Party functionaries held recently at headquarters marked a great advance over the previous conference. All the nuclei and sections have now elected their women's work directors. The majority of these were represented at Friday's conference. In the language fractions a beginning has been made. A few directors have been elected and three language fractions were represented. The trade union fractions are still backward in this work. Organizers of trade union fractions must see to it that their women's work directors are elected before the next conference.

The order of business on Feb. 3rd included an introductory talk by the head of the Women's Department, Comrade Buch, followed by an explanation of the district program, and assignment of tasks for the units. These include support of the paper published by the women's Federation, and of the bazaar to be held March 9th, 10th and 11th. The nuclei are also to be active in making contacts with women working in factories, getting material from them for the papers published in the district. Women's sympathizers' meetings are to be arranged by the sections with a view to getting new women members for the Party. The first of these is to be led by Section 1 on Feb. 18th, 8 p. m. at 1411 Brush Street. Party members of the section are urged to support this meeting and to bring in women sympathizers.

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Fisher Tells of Alaska's Slave Hells

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

NAK-NEK, Bristol Bay, Alaska, (By Mail).—I am sending you twelve dollars, and hope it will be of use to you. I can't send more as I have a big family. I have invested a good many dollars in the workers' cause ever since I ran away from the Russian Navy at Port Arthur.

I am a working man employed by the Fish Trust in Bristol Bay, Alaska. It is one of the greatest slave-holes on earth. Orientals here are working 18 hours a day and get only two meals a day. They get only from $100 to $200 per season. If only all the workers would quit their jealousy and nationalism and end hatred. Unity of all the workers is the most necessary thing thruout the world today.

Because the present system of the ruling classes is so rotten and sick it is going to break to pieces. It is time that where two workers meet together, they should work to tear to atoms the present capitalist system.

I am a subscriber to The DAILY WORKER.

—FISHERMAN.

INSISTS REPORT ON S-4 UNFAIR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Following the order of Curtis D. Wilbur, secretary of the navy, to the special naval court to further consider details of the sinking and rescue operations of the S-4, Chairman Snell of the house rules committee declared that he thought the findings of the committee both "fair and comprehensive."

TEACHERS' UNION ADDRESS.

"Free Speech and Education" will be discussed at the "Educational Pie Luncheon" of the Teachers' Union at noon this Saturday, at the Civic Club, 18 East 10th St.

EVANS FACTION OF KU KLUXERS DROPS ITS MASK

Few Survivors of Labor Hating Body

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. — The faction of the ku klux klan, under Hiram W. Evans, who called himself the "imperial wizard" of the hooded and masked order of "nondic, protestant, native-born, white, hundred per cent Americans" has abandoned the familiar regalia of the order and will henceforth appear without masks.

Evans Announces Change.

Evans, one of the beneficiaries of the stupendous graft connected with the organization of the klan at ten dollars a head and an additional sixteen dollars for a night-shirt and hood, announced that henceforth his faction of the klan that split off from the one controlled by the former wizard of Atlanta, Simmons, would change its name and hereafter be known as the "knights of the great forest."

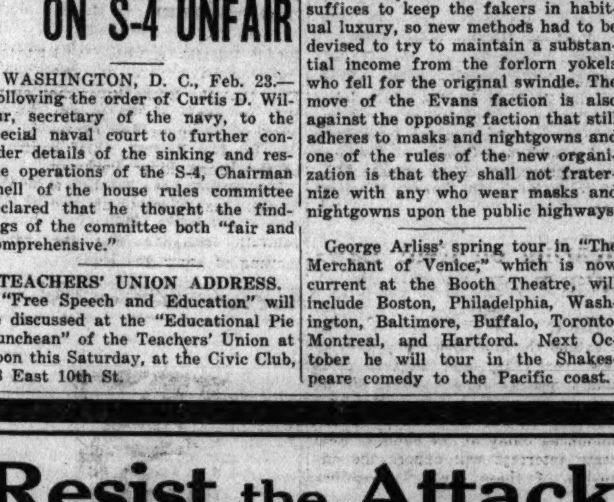
Some 700 survivors of the once powerful organization of labor-hating fanatics feebly cheered this announcement.

Try to Revive Graft.

The klan sun has set. The graft has been dwindling until it no longer suffices to keep the fakers in habitual luxury, so new methods had to be devised to try to maintain a substantial income from the forlorn yokels who fell for the original swindle. The move of the Evans faction is also against the opposing faction that still adheres to masks and nightgowns and one of the rules of the new organization is that they shall not fraternize with any who wear masks and nightgowns upon the public highways.

George Arliss' spring tour in "The Merchant of Venice," which is now current at the Booth Theatre, will include Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Buffalo, Toronto, Montreal, and Hartford. Next October he will tour in the Shakespeare comedy to the Pacific coast.

Resist the Attack



The American Legion, the Keymen of America, the National Security League, the American Government have combined to destroy Labor's fighting paper and are attempting to put its editors in jail.

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DRAMA

George M. Cohan's "Whispering Friends" At Hudson Theatre

A NEW play "Whispering Friends," by George M. Cohan opened at the Hudson Theatre on Monday night. To say that the play is light would be no disparaging remark for a work of Mr. Cohan's, for he has built his nest-egg on plays so light they shivered in the mild breeze that sweeps the lane of fame and fortune called Broadway.

George M. Cohan

But in "Whispering Friends," the veteran producer-actor-and-author has failed to do what he did in "The Baby Cyclone" and other plays — turn them into fairly amusing farces by wily showmanship and an expert knowledge of the mechanics of the theatre.

The play is little more than a series of dialogues by means of which we are introduced into a series of complications so bewildering no one cares how they end. If Mr. Cohan had exerted his mental faculties more his play would no doubt be interesting. for he writes of the difficulties in which an insurance man, Joe Sanford, finds himself when he marries an extremely wealthy widow, a present-day petty-bourgeois ideal. He is sensitive over the fact that people, no doubt jealous of his "good fortune" will say he has married for money. Which, of course, he has. Mutual friends are invited to their—or rather "her" home. Doris Crawford and Mrs. Sanford have a confidential chat. Likewise Mr. Sanford and Al Wheeler. Thus Mr. Sanford is plagued by the attentions of Doris and Mrs. Sanford by those of Mr. Wheeler with the romance of Doris and Al as a result.

But even though the play itself is nothing to get out an extra of "Variety" about, the excellent staging by Sam Forrest, who has worked on Broadway long enough to know what it's all about and what's more, why; and the diverting acting of William Harrigan as Joe Sanford, Chester Morris as Al Wheeler, and Anne Shoemaker as Emily Sanford should be well credited.

Nevertheless one expects better things from a producer who has the reputation Mr. Cohan has: "the man who has made millions laugh." Perhaps he was too occupied with "The Merry Malones" to give his opus the attention it deserves. But he has suggested a theme that might well be exploited.

MAURICE RAVEL.

The noted composer-pianist will appear in recital Sunday afternoon at the Century Theatre playing a program of his own compositions.

A production in English of Tchekov's "The Cherry Orchard," played here by the Moscow Art Theatre, will be produced here in English opening at the Bijou Theatre on the afternoon of Monday, March 5, for a series of matinees. Mary Grey will have the chief role.

AMUSEMENTS

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LOVELY LADY
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A Russian play entitled "Mashka," with Kenneth MacKenna in its principal role, will open at the Windsor Theatre on March 12. The play has been adapted by John Flint.

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DWELLINGS BILL APPEARS BEATEN

Tammany Influence to Aid Real Estate Men

ALBANY, Feb. 23.—It was virtually admitted by legislative leaders today that the Dwellings Bill will be killed in committee. Altho another hearing will be held next Tuesday it has little chance of reaching the assembly or senate floor.

At Tuesday's hearing held jointly by the cities committee of the upper house and the judiciary committee of the lower chamber, real estate interests supported by representatives of the Tammany Hall administration of New York City delivered a broadside against the proposed law, which was intended to supplant the present Tenement House law enacted in 1901. It permits an increase in the height of buildings, provides for large setbacks and enlargements of courts and areas and would force drastic remodeling of certain old law tenements and converted one-family dwellings.

Tammany Influence Deadly.

The opposition of the Tammany heads of New York is the most important influence operating to defeat the bill.

Tenement House Commissioner Martin and Corporation Counsel Walter Caughlan lead the Tammany Hall delegation that spoke against the bill. Martin stated that the proposed law would stop the building of homes. To this was added the complaint of the real estate owners who claimed that the bill was similar to confiscation.

Quote Bible.

"Thou shalt not steal," shouted Dr. H. W. Berg of the Greater New York Taxpayers' Association.

To which Richard Moore, representing the Negro Harlem Tenants answered: "There is a greater commandment—thou shalt not kill."

Moore referred here to high death and sickness rates among Negroes in the congested working class districts attributable in large part to the housing conditions the Negroes are forced to accept, through low wages and segregation. He was applauded by other working class representatives and sympathizers.

WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK—NEW JERSEY

Secretaries Attention!

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District Agitprop Conference.

A district agitprop and speakers' conference will be held Saturday at 3 p. m., at 108 E. 14th St., Room 42.

All unit, sub-section and section agitprop directors must be present, also all district speakers. A roll call will be taken.

Robert Mitchell will speak on the traction question and Juliet Stuart Poynts on "Winning Working Class Women for the Class Struggle."

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Unit 2-D 3F.

Unit 2-D F will meet tonight at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

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2-F Discussion Meeting.

"Why Every Militant Worker Should be a Member of the Workers (Communist) Party" will be the topic of a discussion at the meeting of Subsection 2-F tonight at 6:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. Julius Codkind will lead the discussion.

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Membership Drive Leaflets.

The membership drive leaflets are now obtainable at the district office, 108 E. 14th St.

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Unit FD-2 2-E.

Unit FD-2 2-E will meet tonight at 6:30 o'clock at 126 E. 14th St.

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Section 2-A.

Distribution of The DAILY WORKER is being made every Monday in Subsection 2-A. Members of Unit 1 and 2 should report to 108 E. 14th St. Members of Units 3, 4, 5 and 6 will get their papers at 16 W. 21st St.

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Lecture Tonight.

E. Rogers will speak on "What I Saw in the Soviet Union" tonight at 8 o'clock at the meeting of the Downtown Section, Young Workers League, 60 St. Marks Place.

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Subsection 2-F.

"Why Every Militant Workers Must Be a Member of the Workers Party," will be discussed tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the meeting of Subsection 2-F at 101 W. 27th St.

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Subsection 3-E Executive.

The enlarged executive committee of Subsection 3-E will be held Monday at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

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Subsection 3-E Meeting.

Subsection 3-E will meet Tuesday at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 7th St.

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Subsection 2-A Units.

Units F-1 and 2 of Subsection 2-A will meet at 108 E. 14th St. tonight at 8 o'clock and will reorganize into one unit. Many members will be transferred to other units in various parts of the city.

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Party Women's Meeting.

A general membership meeting of all women members of the Party will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St. Arrangements for the celebration of International Women's Day on March 4 will be made at that time.

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Paris Commune Celebration.

Sections 2 and 3 will celebrate the Paris Commune at an entertainment and dance, Saturday evening, March 17, at New Star Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave.

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Downtown Dance.

The Downtown Section of the Young Workers League will hold a dance to welcome the 20 Pioneers who were graduated from the Pioneers to the League on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 60 St. Marks Place.

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Affair For Daily Worker.

Section 5 will hold a concert and ball Saturday, March 3, at 2075 Clinton Ave. Proceeds will go to The DAILY WORKER.

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Y. W. L. Hike.

The Young Workers League of Bath Beach will hike to Silver Lake on Feb. 26. Starting point will be 1940 Benson Ave., Brooklyn.

Labor and Fraternal Organizations

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Lecture on Lindbergh.

Carl Weisberg will lecture on "Lindbergh, Wall Street's Ambassador," at the Harlem Forum, 143 E. 103rd St., at 8 p. m. tonight.

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Leon Samson will lecture on "Art in the Ancient World" this evening, Feb. 24, at the International Center, 149 E. 23rd St.

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Workers' School Classes.

The following classes are beginning at the Workers' School, 108 E. 14th St., this week:

"History of the United States," Jim Cork, instructor, starts tonight at 8:30 p. m.

"Historic Struggles of American Labor," David J. Saposs, instructor, starts tonight at 7 p. m. at the Workers' School.

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Coney Island Concert.

The Coney Island Section, Freiheit Singing Society, will hold a concert and dance Saturday, March 3, at Puthian Hall, 2864 W. 21st St., Coney Island.

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Lower Bronx Concert.

The United Council of Working Class Women, Council 3, will hold a concert and package party, Saturday, Feb. 25 at 542 E. 145th St. to raise funds for the striking miners' children.

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Hike Sunday Morning.

The Junior Section of the "Friends of Nature" will hike Sunday. The hikers will meet at the Botanical Gardens Station of the Third Avenue "L" at 9 a. m. If the weather is suitable, ice-skating will take the place of hiking. Fares will amount to 25 cents.

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Open Forums Sunday.

Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St., Bert Miller speaks on "Political Prospects for 1928."

1940 Benson Ave., Brooklyn, Harriet Davis speaks on "What I saw in the Soviet Union."

108 E. 14th St., Symposium on "Problems of Working Women Today," speakers: Juliet Stuart Poyntz, Rose Wortis, Ray Ragozin.

2075 Clinton Ave., Bronx, Joe Freeman speaks on "The Russian Theatre."

715 East 138th St., J. O. Bentall speaks on "The City Workers and the Farmers."

Yonkers Open Forum, 252 Warburton Ave., E. Rogers will speak on "What I Saw in the Soviet Union."

29 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, Phil Frankfeld will speak on "Lindbergh, Ambassador to Latin America."

1689 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn, Leon Platt will speak on "The Youth Movement in America."

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Red Star Sport Club Dance.

The Red Star Sport Club will hold a dance and entertainment tomorrow evening at Lenox Mansion, 256 E. Second St.

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Volunteers Wanted!

The Harlem Miners' Relief Committee needs volunteers for the clothing drive to be held tomorrow and Sunday. Workers should report to 142 E. 103rd St.

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Downtown Open Forum.

Ella G. Wolfe will talk on the "Pan-American Conference" at the open forum Sunday at 60 St. Marks Place, at 2:30 p. m.

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Hike Sunday Morning.

The Unity Arbeiter-Coop will hike Sunday starting from 1500 Seventh Ave. at 8 a. m. Participants should bring along lunch.

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Coney Island Forum.

D. Seigel will speak on the "Prospects of the Coming Election" Sunday at 3 p. m. at 2901 Mermaid Ave., Coney Island.

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Liber Lectures Tonight.

Dr. B. Liber will lecture tonight at the Boro Park Jewish Workers' Club, 1373 43rd St., Brooklyn.

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Fundamentals Class in Spanish.

The Workers' School is starting a class in "Fundamentals of Communism" to be conducted in the Spanish language. The course will start March 6 and will continue every Tuesday for 12 weeks. The class will be conducted by Alberto Moreau at 143 E. 103rd St.

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Leather Goods Workers.

A special meeting of all leather goods workers called by the International Labor Defense Bazaar Committee will take lace Saturday at 1 p. m. 799 Broadway, Room 422.

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Cooperative Health Center.

Dr. B. Liber will lecture in English to the children of the Cooperative Colony, 2700 Bronx Park, E. Sunday at 10 a. m. At 11 a. m. he will speak to the adults in Yiddish.

L. D. Schmalhausen, Ph. D., will talk in English on "Mental Health," on Sunday, March 4, at 11 a. m. Dr. Hannah M. Stone of the Bronx Control Clinic will speak in English on "Birth Control and the Workers" Sunday, March 11, at 11 a. m.

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Bronx Affair Saturday.

Council 12, United Council of Working Class Women will hold a party saturday at 2075 Clinton Ave., the Bronx.

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I. L. D. Bazaar.

The annual bazaar of the International Labor Defense will be held for five days beginning March 7, at New Star Casino, Park Ave. and 107th St. All articles and contributions should be sent to 799 Broadway, Room 422.

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Freiheit Singers' Dance.

The Bronx Section, Freiheit Singing Society, will hold a concert and ball Saturday, Feb. 25 at Rose Garden, 1347 Boston Road.

TUEL THEATRE PARTY.

The Trade Union Educational League of the Joint Board, Cloak and Dressmakers' Union will hold a theatre party Thursday, March 1, at the Yiddish Art Theatre.

CALL CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYED

(Continued from Page One)

employed in order to protect the interests of the workers.

The New York Council of the Unemployed is also arranging an open air mass meeting to be held in Union Square Saturday, March 10, at 2 p. m., to protest against the city's neglect of the unemployed and demand immediate relief, work or wages, food and shelter. Prominent speakers will address the meeting.

Jobless Meet Tomorrow.

Further organization of the unemployed workers of this city will take place at a meeting to be held tomorrow evening at 8 p. m. at 314 E. 104th St., under the auspices of the New York Council of the Unemployed. Di Santo and others will speak.

A meeting will also be held under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party Sunday at 2 p. m. at Ambassador Hall, 3875 Third Ave.

Another meeting will be held Monday at 8 p. m. at 715 E. 138th St. by the Lower Bronx Section of the Party. The speakers will be Louis A. Baum, secretary, Photographic Workers' Union; Di Santo and an unemployed ex-service man.

The Workers' International Relief, 1 Union Square, which is assisting the New York Council in its relief work, is arranging a benefit performance of Michael Gold's "Hoboken Blues" at the New Playwrights' Theatre for Thursday evening, March 15. All the proceeds will go toward the relief of the unemployed.

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Yonkers Employment Office.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Establishment of a public employment office in Yonkers by the state labor department is provided in a bill introduced yesterday in the legislature by Assemblyman Condon of Yonkers. The measure would appropriate $12,500 to maintain the bureau the first year.

Hearing on Rent Laws Will Be Held Tuesday

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Bills to extend the emergency rent laws in New York City and Buffalo from June 1 next to June 1, 1929, will be given a hearing by the Assembly Judiciary Committee Feb. 28, it was announced today at the capital. Real estate interests will oppose the extension of these laws for another year.

Workers Party Women to Hold General Meeting; Will Take Up Miners' Aid

A general membership meeting of all women members of the Workers (Communist) Party will be held tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St. Miners' relief work and the program for the International Women's Day celebration of March 4 will be on the order of business.

Continue Baumes Body; "Fence" Bill Is Hit

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Republican leaders of the Legislature decided today to extend the life of the Baumes Crime Commission for another year.

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ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Enactment of the so-called "fence" bills sponsored by the Baumes Crime Commission might "easily make every person in the stae a thief," the Assembly today was warned.

The bills would permit a thief to testify against the receiver of stolen property, and would require every person buying goods to make "reasonable" inquiry to determine if the goods had been stolen.

Dance for "Daily"

A concert and dance will be held tomorrow night at the Hungarian Workers Home, 350 E. 81st St., by Sub-section 3-B, Workers (Communist) Party, to raise funds for the DAILY WORKER.

FEAR BRONX RIVER OVERFLOW

BRONXVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Fear that the Bronx River may overflow its banks if the present warm weather continues was expressed today by Jay Downer, chief engineer of the Bronx River Parkway.

The waters have reached a height in some places within an inch of the top of the banks, due to the heavy rainfall yesterday and the rapid melting of snow and ice.

EXPOSE TAMMANY IN SUBWAY STEAL

Former Henchmen Give Out Details

(Continued from Page One)

you were replaced in the Mayor's office by Walker the traction magnates would finance the Walker primary and election campaigns and also the Smith campaign, providing Walker, when elected, would stand for a seven-cent fare. The presidential campaign is on and Walker is in his third year in office, and it looks as if the deal is about to be consummated.

"The most peculiar part of the whole matter is that Walker, instead of cutting off his right arm, as he promised to do in the 1925 primary campaign, has chosen to leave New York with o dozen trunks, an English valet, a retinue of camp followers and a goodly supply of clean socks, to 'sell Smith to the South.'

Will Steal 60 Millions

"A two-cent increase in carfare, according to statisticians, means almostly sixty million dollars additional income to be paid by the subway, elevated and surface car riders into the coffers of the transit corporations, besides a wonderful paradise for the transit stock manipulators.

"Of course, the multi-millionaire and corporation owner, Untermyer, and 'new Tammany' will continue to lay down smoke screens in their attempt to fool the people and will keep on howling for a five-cent fare, but the fact remains that the efforts of the transit corporations for a seven-cent fare are about to be realized."

Injunction Movement Against Cleaners

The officials of the Allied Council of Cleaners and Dyers stated yesterday that they had accepted service of legal papers issued against them by Judge Strong of the Brooklyn Supreme Court. The leaders of the "strike," which has been called for the purpose of eliminating the highly effective competition of the "dollar" chain cleaning stores, will appear in the above mentioned court this morning to oppose the effort of the Manhattan Steam Dyeing Works to obtain an injunction against them.

The stoppage called by the Allied Council, which became effective Monday, involves its entire membership, which is about 15,000, only 1,500 of wrom are legitimate workers. The balance are owners of small cleaning stores who have succeeded in obtaining a charter from the American Federation of Labor. Hhe union officials refuse to put forward demands for the improvement of the bona fide workers' union standards.

20 Pioneers Graduate

To celebrate the graduation of 20 members of the Young Pioneers into the Young Workers (Communist) League, a dance will be held tomorrow at 60 St. Marks Place by the downtown section of the league.

GROCERY CLERKS IN UNION DRIVE

Large Mass Meeting Tonight

Preparations for a large mass meeting of all fruit and vegetable clerks are being made for tonight by the Retail Grocery and Dairy Clerks Union. The meeting is called for 8 o'clock at McKinley Square Gardens, 1258 Boston Road, near 169th St., Bronx.

The grocery clerks union has been conducting a strong organization campaign for over a year. Considerable success has been met. As a result the union has extended its organization efforts to include the vegetable and fruit clerks. These workers are employed in many cases seven days a week and as much as twelve and fourteen hours a day. The pay is very low.

The grocery clerks union has been able to reduce the hours from ten to fifteen in each week. At the same time it has raised the pay of those who have joined the union in many instances as much as $15 per week.

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Dictatorship at Havana

In regard to American policy at Havana the New York Times for February 21 says editorially:

"We have made it clear that the surest guarantee against our intrusion upon the Caribbean states is for these states to manage their affairs without imperiling American lives or legitimate American interests."

Since the state department issues all passports it stands back of American citizens (at least all prosperous citizens) who enter the various Latin American countries; and, since it likewise passes upon all foreign loans, its stands back of the enterprises in which American capitalists engage. The word "legitimate" as used by the Times therefore means that all "American interests" are backed by the state department.

Further, since Wall Street government interprets the Monroe Doctrine to mean that it is the sole authority which determines whether the conduct of their affairs by Latin American governments is favorable or unfavorable to "American interests," the Times is stating the bald fact that American imperialist government has set itself up as the dictator over the Latin American republics and their peoples.

Charles Evans Hughes as the chief spokesman of American imperialism in the Havana conference reserved for it the right to intervene in any country, in any manner and at any time it sees fit to do so in the interest of the imperialist rulers.

This is the cold fact established by the Havana conference: **That the Latin American republics now stand always in danger of armed invasion by American forces if in the judgment of imperialism's advisers such invasion will advance the program of conquest of which the war on the Nicaraguan people is a part.**

Wall Street government at Havana asserted its right of sovereignty over Latin America. This sovereignty can be given actual governmental expression only by war; and the Havana conference policy of American government is a war policy.

The Latin American peoples will not submit to American imperialism. The fact that only the Argentine delegate made an open fight (and at that a timid fight) against this policy does not mean that the peoples of the other republics have abandoned the thought of struggle. It means only that American diplomacy backed by Wall Street and its army and navy was able to intimidate and bribe Latin American officials into betraying the interests of the masses at Havana.

These masses will have the last word and it is only by the support of the Latin American workers' and peasants' organizations and nationalist movements directed against imperialism by American workers and farmers that imperialism can be defeated.

The Havana conference was a flaming danger signal to the masses of the United States, Canada and Latin America. It has brought nearer and made clearer the danger of imperialist war.

The same forces that are making war upon the striking coal miners and their families—trying to starve 600,000 men, women and children into submission—are preparing for war upon the workers and peasants of Latin America.

The weapon of the masses of two continents is organization for war against United States imperialism, the arch war maker and the enemy of the workers of the United States and of Latin America alike.

Davis Deceives on Tariff Issue

Secretary of Labor Davis, following in the foot-steps of the democratic politicians, is attempting to exploit the sufferings of the unemployed masses in the interests of the republican party and in the interests of those capitalists who are profiting by the tariff.

The workers must not permit themselves to be fooled by these maneuvers of the republican politicians.

Mr. Davis attempts to impress the workers that the way to solve the unemployment situation is to maintain the tariff on foreign goods. He says that the removal of the tariff would endanger employment and wages of the American workers.

The conscious American workers will not believe this stuff. They will remember that despite the fact that the American government has been in the hands of a republican administration for nearly twelve successive years, an administration which has maintained a high protective tariff in the interests of several big industrial combinations, yet unemployment has been growing and not diminishing. The workers will also remember that despite the domination of the republican party with its high protective tariff policies, the working class of America today is passing through the severest unemployment crisis since 1924. Today there are about five million unemployed workers, with consequent suffering, misery and starvation.

The speech of Davis is nothing else than the maneuver of a republican politician to utilize the resentment of the working masses in the interests of the republican party and the big capitalists of the United States.

The Workers (Communist) Party will wage a determined struggle against these maneuvers. It will continue to bend all its efforts to mobilize all organized as well as unorganized workers, the employed as well as the unemployed, for a militant struggle against unemployment and for effective unemployment relief.

The Lenin-Ruthenberg drive for the increase of the Workers Party membership and for the building up of the circulation of The DAILY WORKER is designed to strengthen this campaign against unemployment.

"I DIDN'T DONE IT..."

By Fred Ellis

"Before my God, I am as innocent as a babe," said William J. Burns, before receiving his 15-day jail sentence for shadowing jurors in the Standard Oil trial. Burns, in co-operation with the bosses, has sent more labor men to jail than any other single man in the country.

Workers Lives Cheap Under Capitalism

By M. RENUD.

THIS mad and insane machinery age, with its established institution of exploitation, slavery and oppression, daily claims its toll of victims from the ranks of those whose position in life is to toil eternally and serve industry. How often it is the life of a worker, or a serious injury disabling him while performing his task in return for a miserable wage?

There rarely passes a period with no accounts of tragedies which take the lives of workers, leaving their dependents without any means of a livelihood.

We are filled with horror and pain when visualizing miners struggling amidst the black giants of destruction, overcome by the deadly fumes, away from the sun and light, seeking air, dying amidst an agony of untold torture. Only recently the lives of twenty-one miners were taken in an Illinois town. They went down into the dungeon, to earn bread for their hungry wives and children and a maintenance in the company's barn—but they never saw the light again. The bosses were warned against the possibility of infloating gas—but human life is cheaper. An hour's work was saved—and new slaves took the vacant places of their martyred comrades, perhaps to await the same fate.

Such tales are plentiful and endless; the guilty murderers are cleared of their share of responsibility, and the undisturbed exploiters continue their vicious methods of slaughter.

Will it continue? Will those workers not throw off the yoke of their masters?

The suffering of the proletariat has for centuries accumulated to go down into history as a glorious page of heroic martyrdom, but the spirit of discontent in the ranks of the weak and oppressed will rise and unite in the great cause of international emancipation.

Episcopalian Socialism in Massachusetts

By BILL DUNNE.

"RELIGION," said Marx, "is the opium of the people."

Alfred Baker Lewis, state secretary of the socialist party in Massachusetts, disagrees with Marx. In a letter to the Boston Transcript, published on February 14, Lewis states that he is a member of the Episcopal church.

The Lewis position as set forth in his letter is that there is no conflict between religion and socialism. This is about the same as saying that there is no conflict between superstition and science—which is about the most obvious untruth one can indulge in.

Socialism is scientific or it is not socialism. The Utopian theories of Fourier, Owens and St. Simon did not survive the scientific Marxian analysis of the evolution of society, of its class character and its commodity method of production—production for sale and exchange, production for the market exclusively—the proof that history "is a series of class struggles."

Religion proceeds on the false theory that mankind must be "redeemed," i. e., made better by the adoption of a code of morals contrived by a supernatural being—a god. All evil, according to theologians, is the result of mankind's evil disposition and the god—there is much difference of opinion among religionists as to whom and what he is—must be respected and obeyed. His mandates are made known to the masses by self-appointed spokesmen who claim that the god speaks thru them.

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This procedure of selecting the god's spokesmen has not changed since prehistoric times. The Episcopal church uses the same age-old method and it follows therefore that the religious adviser of Alfred Baker Lewis has no more of a mandate than do the medicine men of primitive tribes.

Religion Is Superstition.

Socialism has a conflict with religion. Leaders who call themselves socialists may not have a conflict with religion but this merely proves that they are not socialists but middle class reformers or outright capitalist agents.

Let us take a look at the letter written by Alfred Baker Lewis:

"To the Editor of the Transcript:

"Your correspondent, Mr. Moore, seems very determined to have your readers believe that there is some antagonism between socialism and religion. I am glad he admits that the socialist party of the United States is not opposed to religion. That is at least a step for him in the right direction.

"That the other socialist parties affiliated in the labor and socialist international, such as the British labor party, are not opposed to religion is also undeniable. That prominent individual socialists in this country are not only religious but ordained ministers of religion is also true, among them Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Rev. Norman Thomas, Bishop Paul Jones, Rev. Harry F. Ward and, to come nearer home, Mayor Bakeman of Peabody.

"Furthermore, Mr. Moore's own church, the Episcopal church, finds no necessary opposition between socialism and religion. Both Edith Williams, who has several times been a candidate of the socialist party, and I myself, the state secretary of the socialist party, are members of the Episcopal church....

"Alfred Baker Lewis

"Cambridge, Feb. 13."

The Episcopal church, to which Lewis gives allegiance, is the church of the aristocracy as Upton Sinclair so ably proves in his "Profits of Religion." But this is a small matter compared to the fact that a leader of the socialist party in one of the most important industrial states takes so much trouble to show that there is no antagonism between socialism and religion.

What is the reason for this?

The churches are institutions of and for the ruling class. The whole theological doctrine of salvation—a paradise in a supernatural world after death for those who follow the clergy—has the effect of fixing the thoughts of the masses on the future instead of on the present. If one is assured of a heavenly home after a brief stay on earth—and misery suffered on earth together with servile obedience to the clerical code is the best guarantee of ghostly happiness—it is clear that it is more or less a waste of effort, and even jeopardises one's place in the heavenly mansions, if one fights oppression unceasingly.

Religion is made for slaves and helps to make slaves.

Furthermore, the meekness and "golden rule christianity" which the theologians preach is only for the exploited section of the population. It is intended to lull them into acquiescence to the demands of the ruling class—and it does so where it is not counteracted by scientific socialist propaganda and the conduct of the class struggle in a militant manner.

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The only time the clergy have played a progressive role has been when individuals among them, at a time when scientific thinking was unknown, have broken with the hierarchy and joined with the proletarian and peasant masses in onslaughts on the ruling class which were not and could not be conducted in accord with the prevailing concept of christian conduct. At such times, these clerics have merely symbolised the rise of a new social epoch, have been swept along by a shift in class relationships.

But since the rise of capitalist society and the appearance of the working class as a class separate from all others, carrying the social revolution in its hands, the churches and the clergy have played a completely reactionary role. They have been and they are found on the side of reaction in every struggle between the working class and its oppressors.

Lately there has been noticeable a tendency in both the Roman Catholic and protestant churches for sections of the clergy to ally itself to some extent with the labor aristocracy—to favor the organization of unions, higher wages, better working and sanitary conditions, etc.

This is by no means the dominant tendency and it appears chiefly among those clergymen depending for their support on sections of the middle class who find themselves in conflict with the big capitalists over certain points of the imperialist program, who feel the burden of increased taxation for imperialist adventures, etc., and who need the support of the masses.

But even this activity of these sections of the clergy is by no means progressive. As a matter of fact it is the clerical expression of the class peace and efficiency unionism theory of the labor bureaucracy. The policy has as its goal not the encouragement of resistance to exploitation, but submission to it. It is reactionary in essence and its objective effect solely that of retarding militant working class organization and the development of class-consciousness.

There are two possible reasons for a socialist party leader belonging to a church—Episcopal or otherwise:

One is that he believes the superstitions disseminated by the clergy, and the other is that he wants to appear respectable and avoid conflict with and criticism by the upper classes.

If Alfred Baker Lewis belongs to the Episcopal church for the first reason he is so ignorant that no worker should trust him.

If he belongs for the second reason he is a hypocrite and a coward and likewise unworthy of the confidence of the working class.

The reformist theory that religion is a private matter is put forward by socialist officialdom to cover up just such flagrant instances as that in which the secretary of the socialist party in Massachusetts is involved.

The doctrine that there is no conflict between socialism and religion can be true only when socialism surrenders to superstition and becomes reformism. In respect to his religious beliefs, Alfred Baker Lewis is far to the right of middle class political leaders of France, Germany and Italy whose atheism and anti-clericalism is the expression of what militancy they have left.

Such types as Lewis are a menace to the working class. They know that the term "socialism" has a powerful appeal to the most advanced section of the working class—the section from which is recruited the speakers, organizers, writers and fighters of the labor movement and which is found always in the forefront of the class struggle. These leaders disembowel socialism, crawl inside the corpse whose vitals they have extracted and by their reformist antics in the name of socialism create confusion and demoralization in the ranks of the masses.

It is from such a source as this that emanated the theory that the Sacco and Vanzetti campaign should be conducted as a great humanitarian crusade and its class nature concealed. It was from this source that came attempts to sabotage the building of a powerful movement with its base in the working class and to make the main feature of a class case involving the lives of two revolutionary workers appeals to their executioners on the grounds of "justice" and "saving the fair name of the courts."

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Leaders of the working class who swallow the superstitions of the theologians, or who are afraid "to make religion an issue," are weak leaders at best and at their worst are treacherous leaders.

Their adherence to religious doctrine or their failure to expose its anti-working class character is proof that they have not freed themselves from illusions relative to the class nature of capitalism's institutions, that they fear the non-religious masses and will not lead them in open struggle against the capitalist class and its government.

The socialist party in Massachusetts is not led by a socialist but by an Episcopalian. This socialist party leader, like all the rest, having attained respectability, has no desire for revolution.

Religion and the social revolution are in conflict just as the social revolution is in conflict with all other class instruments of the capitalists.

A Communist leader who professed religion of any brand would be kicked out of the party publicly. In the socialist party, as evidenced by Lewis' letter, it is a matter of pride to have as many preachers as possible.

The revolutionary workers of the United States have already made their choice between the revolutionary socialism of the Communist Party, the socialism of Marx and Lenin, and the religion and reaction disguised as socialism which is ladled out in poisonous doses by such leaders as Lewis the Episcopalian.

Young Communists and the Red Army

(*Continued from Last Issue.*)

The defeated White Guards left behind many gangs of bandits. These gangs terrorized the civil population, raided factories, trains, and destroyed whatever they could. The Ukrainian Young Communists performed enormous tasks in combatting this banditism. There are some very striking cases on record. In the Don district there were 10 nuclei with 202 members. These 202 members fought in 154 battles in the course of 1½ years. Twenty-seven members were wounded, 16 killed, 55 were taken prisoners, 21 of whom were tortured to death. The Young Communists revealed great heroism in their struggle against banditry. There were also some tragic cases, for instance, the destruction of a Young Communist detachment in Tripol. The detachment did not take any protective measures and settled down in the different homes of the neighborhood; the kulaks, knowing that the detachment was scattered, attacked the members individually and killed them all. That gang was soon after suppressed by the Red army.

Underground Activity

Then the underground activity which the Young Communists carried on in the enemy's rear (in the Ukraine during the Petlura period, in the causasus, in Odessa, Simferopol, Nikolaev, White Russia, etc.) merits attention.

There were cases when spies betrayed Young Communists, who died for the proletarian revolution unflinchingly. In Odessa nine young Communists were sentenced to death by the Whites and before their execution they made a statement: "We die, but we are triumphant and we hail the victorious offensive of the Red Army. We look forward to, and believe in, the final triumph of the Communist ideals. Long live the Red Army! Long live the Communist International! (Signed): Dora Lubarskaya, Ida Krasnoshchokina, Yasha Roiffman, Lev. Spivak, Boris Mikhailovitch Duninovsky, Vas Petrenko, Misha Piltsman, Polia Park."

The Red Army detachments which smashed the enemy forces captured this letter of these young heroes. But how many unknown heroic Young Communists fell in the defence of the proletarian revolution?

Reduction of Army.

The final destruction of the counter-revolution and the freeing of the Soviet outposts from banditry, raised the question of reducing the Army and placing it on a peace footing. The Workers' and Peasants' Government not aiming at conquests, decided to keep an army for defensive purposes only as to protect the U. S. S. R. from attacks of the West European bourgeoisie. The U. S. S. R. was continuously menaced by an attack, but at the present time that menace has greatly increased. The British imperialists and now the French banking interests are preparing a direct attack on the U. S. S. R. (as witness the severance of diplomatic relations with the U. S. S. R. by the British Tories, the raid on Arcos, the raid on the Pekin Embassy, the organization of terrorist acts against the most prominent figures in the U. S. S. R., etc.).

Under these conditions, during the period of peaceful construction, the Y.C.L. devoted much attention to questions of defending the U. S. S. R. in the ranks of the Red Army and among the broad masses of the toiling youth.

Army of Workers and Peasants

The Red Army is an army of workers and peasants. The leading role in the Red Army as in every phase of life in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, falls to the proletariat as represented by its vanguard, the Communist Party. The Young Communist activities in the army constitute a component part of Party activity (see decision of the Sixth Congress of the Russian Leninist Y.C.L. on work in the Red Army and Navy).

(To Be Continued).

83, BUT HAS TO WORK.

LAWRENCE, L. I., Feb. 23.—James Laucheim of this town is 83 years old, but still must work as a clerk. He is said to be the oldest clerk in Long Island.